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SUBJECT: COMPLIANCE STATMENT - EMBASSY SANTIAGO

FOR ARA/AND - BARNEBEY FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: BARNEBEY LETTER, MARCH 30, 1978

HEREWITH, EMBASSY SANTIAGO'S RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE INSPECTION OF NOVEMBER, 1977:

3. 2-1 THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS DRAWN UP AN ANALYTIC REPORTING PLAN FOR 1978 AND RECEIVED COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY AND ARA/AND. WITH REVISIONS AS APPROPRIATE, THE PLAN WILL GUIDE POLITICAL ANALYTIC REPORTING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

3. 2-2 WE BELIEVE THAT A QUARTERLY REPORT MAKES THE MOST SENSE IN THE PRESENT CHILEAN CONTEXT. GROSS VIOLATIONS OF THE PERSON HAVE LARGELY CEASED. FUTURE PROGRESS WILL DEPEND ON LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. THE EMBASSY'S FIRST QUARTER 1978 REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY MAY 15.

4. 2-1 RECENT COLLABORATION BETWEEN E/C AND POLITICAL SECTIONS HAS, TO TAKE JUST ONE EXAMPLE, PRO-

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DUCED A SERIES OF TELEGRAMS RELATING THE FACT OF CONTINUED LARGE SCALE CAPITAL INFLOWS FROM U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS TO THE CUTOFF OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR USG POLICY MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

4. 2-2 THE E/C SECTION NOW HAS STAFF MEETINGS AT LEAST

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ONCE A WEEK.

7. 2-1 WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A TARGET DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 1979 FOR THE INCLUSION OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN A STATE-ADMINISTERED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ARRANGEMENT. WE HAVE ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE IN OUR CURRENT GORM SUBMISSION AND HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF OTHER AGENCIES BE CUT ACCORDINGLY.

7. 2-2 THE USAID MOTOR POOL WAS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL ON JANUARY 15, 1978. WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF POSITIONS, VEHICLES AND FUNDING FROM USAID TO STATE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THIS TRANSFER IS AWAITING THE ACTION OF AN "INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE."

7. 2-3 IN SANTIAGO 2588 OF APRIL 7, 1978, WE RECOM-MENDED THE DOWNWARD RECLASSIFICATION OF POSI-TION 50-158 (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR) FROM FSO-2 TO FSO-3 AND GAVE APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICA-TION FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE RECONNENDED THAT SEVEN OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER POSITIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELORS, ALSO BE DOWNGRADED. A REPLY HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

7. 2-6 IT IS NOW A MATTER OF STANDARD PRACTICE THAT

ALL SUB-CASHIERS' ADVANCES ARE SEPARATELY VERIFIED AFTER THE VERIFICATION OF THE CLASS B CASHIER'S ACCOUNTABLE CASH HAS BEEN COM-PLETED.

7. 2-8 WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING ALL CABLES TO ASSURE THAT PROPER PRIORITIES ARE ASSIGNED. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE, IF ANY, ABUSE OF PRECEDENCE INDICATORS ON CABLES ORIGINATIING IN SANTIAGO.

7. 2-9 C&R UNIT REGULAR WORKING HOURS HAVE BEEN RE-DUCED BY ONE HOUR. THE UNIT NOW CLOSES DOWN AT 6:00 P.M. RATHER THAN AT 7:00 P.M. AS FORMERLY.

7. 2-11 THE AMBASSADOR'S FOLLOW CAR AND RELATED GUARD SERVICES WERE ELIMINATED ON DECEMBER 1, 1977. THE STATIC CONTRACT GUARD POST ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE CHANCERY (USICA) WAS ELIMINATED ON APRIL 17, 1978. THE ACCOMPANYING CONTRACT BODYGUARD FOR THE DCM AND ONE STATIC GUARD POST AT HIS RESIDENCE WILL BE ELIMINATED UPON DEPARTURE OF THE PRESENT INCUMBENT IN THE MAY/ JUNE 1978 TIME FRAME.

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10. 2-1 POST MANAGEMENT HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE THAT HE IS TO REPORT THROUGH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO INSURE THE COORDIANTION OF HIS INPUT INTO THE OVERALL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL EFFORT.

11.2A-1 THE EMBASSY COMMISSARY ASSOCIATION WAS AUDITED ON DECEMBER 31, 1977 AND WILL BE AUDITED AN-NUALLY IN THE FUTURE.

11.2B-1 THE EMBASSY IS OBTAINING ENTIRELY ADEQUATE DOCUMENTARY SUPPORT FOR MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT (MECEA) AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA) GRANT DISBURSEMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.

11.2B-2 THE EMBASSY NOW REQUIRES THAT SEPARATE ACCOUNT-

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INT RECORDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GRANT FUNDS ARE MAINTAINED.

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